CLAIMS:

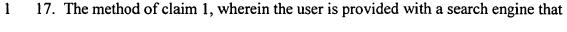
1	1.	A method	for matchi	ing patients	with clinical	trials.	comprising:
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- 2 receiving patient profile information for a patient at a server connected to
- a computer network, the patient profile information submitted by a user at a
- 4 terminal connected to the network;
- 5 comparing the patient profile information with acceptance criteria for
- 6 clinical trials stored in a database, the comparison performed by the server; and
- 7 determining whether the patient prequalifies for any of the clinical trials;
- 8 and
- 9 notifying the user whether the patient has prequalified for any clinical
- 10 trial.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of comparing, determining, and
- 2 notifying comprise:
- 3 comparing the patient profile information with acceptance criteria for
- 4 clinical trial sites stored in a database, the comparison performed by the server;
- 5 determining whether the patient prequalifies for any of the clinical trial
- 6 sites; and
- 7 notifying the user whether the patient has prequalified for any clinical trial
- 8 sites.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, further including providing the user with instructions
- 2 for enrolling in the clinical trial for which the user has prequalified.
- 1 4. The method of claim 2, further including:
- 2 asking the user a plurality of questions; and

3	creating a patient profile based on the responses to the plurality of
4	questions.

- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of asking the user a plurality of
- 2 questions includes:
- asking the user one or more static questions;
- 4 asking the user one or more dynamic questions which are selected based
- 5 on the user's responses to other static and dynamic questions; and
- 6 creating a patient profile based on the responses to the static and dynamic
- 7 questions.
- 1 6. The method of claim 3, further including:
- 2 asking the user a series of questions targeted to a specific clinical trial site
- 3 after determining that a patient meets preliminary acceptance criteria for the
- 4 specific clinical trial; and
- 5 determining whether the user prequalifies for the specific clinical trial
- 6 based on the user's response to the targeted questions.
- 1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the static questions, dynamic questions, and
- 2 targeted questions are provided with a plurality of answer options, and the user
- 3 may select one or more answer options in order to answer the questions.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the user is required to submit an answer in a
- 2 specified format, the specified format being suitable for evaluation by a computer
- 3 program process.

- 1 9. The method of claim 8, further including:
- 2 updating the static questions, dynamic questions, or answer options.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the user is provided with an application to
- 2 submit for a clinical trial for which the patient has prequalified.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the application is filled out by the user and
- 2 submitted on-line to the server.
- 1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the application is forwarded to the clinical
- 2 trial site.
- 1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the patient profile is forwarded to the
- 2 clinical trial site with the application.
- 1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the application and patient profile
- 2 forwarded to the trial site includes a patient ID number, but does not include the
- 3 patient's name to protect the privacy of the patient.
- 1 16. The method of claim 15, further including:
- 2 notifying the clinical trial sponsor when the user submits an application to
- 3 the clinical trial site.



- 2 allows the user to search for medical information before selecting a clinical trial.
- 1 18. The method of claim 1, wherein the acceptance criteria includes geographic
- 2 location.
- 1 19. A system for matching patients with clinical trials, comprising:
- 2 a server connected to a network;
- a data storage device included in the server; and
- 4 a database located in the data storage device, the database storing patient
- 5 profile information for a patient and acceptance criteria for a plurality of clinical
- 6 trials;
- 7 the server comparing the patient profile information with the
- 8 acceptance criteria for the clinical trials stored in the
- 9 database, determining whether the patient prequalifies for
- any of the clinical trials, and notifying a user whether the
- patient has prequalified for any clinical trials.
- 1 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the database contains at least one of:
- a) disease/sub-disease records;
- 3 b) drug records;
- 4 c) content records;
- 5 d) clinical trial records;
- 6 e) question records;
- 7 f) device records;
- g) patient profile records;

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and

9	g) user registration records; and					
10	g) trial site records.					
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1	21. The system of claim 20, wherein a record in the database contains links to					
2	other related records.					
1	22. The system of claim 20, wherein the server transmits a plurality of questions					
2	to the user over the network, the server also transmits a plurality of answer					
3	choices for each question, the server receives responses from the user, and the					
4	server builds a patient profile based on the responses.					
1	23. The system of claim 19, wherein the server retrieves a disease/sub-disease					
2	record corresponding to a disease/sub-disease entered by the user, the disease/-					
3	sub-disease record containing links to question records, the server retrieving the					
4	question records to access questions to be provided to the user.					
1	24. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium,					
2	performing a method for matching patients with clinical trials, comprising:					
3	receiving patient profile information for a patient at a server connected to					
4	a computer network, the patient profile information submitted by a user at a					
5	terminal connected to the network;					
6	comparing the patient profile information with acceptance criteria for					
7	clinical trials stored in a database, the comparison performed by the server; and					
8	determining whether the patient prequalifies for any of the clinical trials;					

- notifying the user whether the patient has prequalified for any clinical
- 11 trials.
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